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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CWC): CONVERSION OF THE RABTA CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION FACILITY

REF: A) STATE 58476, B) THE HAGUE 482, C) TRIPOLI 119

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, U.S. Embassy Tripoli, Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

11. (C) Summary: The GOL's lead interlocutor on CWC issues told us: 1) conversion of the Rabta chemical weapons production facility would not

12. (SBU) P/E Chief conveyed ref A demarche points and non-paper on June 12 to Dr. Ahmed Hesnawy, who heads Libya's CWC compliance efforts, and CONVERSION PROJECT

13. (SBU) On the points of the demarche, Hesnawy indicated the following: - CONVERSION DELAY: Conversation of the Rabta chemical weapons produ IRANIAN HARASSMENT DURING APRIL 2008 OPCW INSPECTION ALLEGED

14. (C) Referring to the April visit by an OPCW inspection team, Hesnawy complained that an Iranian inspector had raised issues with equipment DESTRUCTION: STATUS OF ITALIAN CONTRACT & PROJECT TIMELINE

15. (C) Regarding ref B reports that the timetable for Libya's destruction program had slipped, Hesnawy conceded that there had been delays; he

16. (C) Hesnawy offered the following schedule for the destruction program: - January/February 2009: Repackaging of the agent takes place; age

17. (C) Comment: Animated and at times angry, Hesnawy repeatedly stressed the GOL's annoyance at what it perceives as an "endless" series of c